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FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WHICH PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKES-
MAN FOR NOVEMBER 24 BRIEFING MAY BE DRAWN ON AS NECESSARY.
SUBJECT DID NOT ARISE IN BRIEFING.

Q: THERE IS A REPORT THAT THE CIA HAS SET UP CONTACTS
WITH THE AZOREAN LIBERATION FRONT AND ALSO THAT REPRE-
SENTATIVES OF THIS GROUP HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY
MIDDLE-LEVEL STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON.
CAN YOU CONFIRM THIS?

A: THE UNITED STATES HAS MAINTAINED, AND CONTINUES TO
MAINTAIN, THAT THE STATUS OF THE AZORES IS AN INTERNAL
MATTER WHICH MUST BE SETTLED BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE
AZORES AND THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT.

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AZOREANS, AS WELL AS AMERICANS OF AZOREAN DESCENT, HAVE
FROM TIME TO TIME ASKED TO VISIT WITH DEPARTMENT
OFFICERS TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS ON THE AZOREAN SITUATION.
A NUMBER OF SUCH INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING VARYING

POINTS OF VIEW HAS BEEN RECEIVED AS A MATTER OF COURTESY
OVER RECENT MONTHS. SUCH VISITS, HOWEVER, IN NO WAY
IMPLY ANY U.S. INVOLVEMENT OR THE ESPOUSAL BY THE
UNITED STATES OF ANYTHING OTHER THAN A COMPLETELY
NEUTRAL POSITION ON THE SUBJECT.

Q: WHAT ABOUT CIA ACTIVITIES ON THE ISLAND?

A: WE NEVER COMMENT ON ALLEGED CIA ACTIVITIES. KISSINGER

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